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City to partner with UWM on far North Side redevelopment workshop

The Common Council on Tuesday signed off on legislation that will direct the Department of City Development to partner with the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's Community Solutions Group to explore redevelopment ideas for parts of the 9th Aldermanic District on the far North Side.

The design charrette, as it's known, will provide a vision for the redevelopment of high-priority underused sites along W. Brown Deer Road and N. 76th Street. Ninth District **Alderwoman Chantia Lewis** said the recommendations, including potential land use changes, will be part of a strategic action plan the DCD is creating for the Granville area. The Granville Business Improvement District will help fund the study as well.

"I am very excited about the potential that this charrette has to spark innovation in our district," Alderwoman Lewis said. "This should really help move forward our efforts to rebrand and reinvigorate the Granville area."

When it's completed, DCD's action plan will recommend strategies to redevelop the commercial corridors, strengthen the area's industrial core, boost workforce training efforts and set priorities for architectural, urban design and streetscape improvements.

"I think that, with the help of this charrette, we can find a happy marriage between industrial properties with family-supporting jobs and neighborhood amenities that residents want to see, like stores, restaurants, entertainment and green space," Alderwoman Lewis said.